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Mr M. Venkatarao has had a long interview with me on the subject of the grievances of the Brahmins. He said that the discontent among the orthodox Brahmins (of whom he was not one) originated in the order admitting Pariah boys to the school at Sringeri & other orthodox places, & in the episode relating to the proposal to admit a Pariah to the Dhanu Sabha (a religious ceremony). He said that the orthodox hon. Brahmins were just as much against the admission of Pariahs to schools as the Brahmins. He then went on to say that men like Reddi were "going too far" & had inflamed anti-Brahmin feeling. Referring to the G.O. on the Miller Committee's report he used the same argument that we have already heard

(and which the Dewan has already answered) namely that according to the strict wording of his order it would be impossible for any Brahmin to enter Govt. Service for the next 7 years. His principal grievance, however, seemed to be in regard to Scholarships. He said that Brahmin "free ships" & "merit" Scholarships were being abolished & that from there would be no Scholarships left for poor Brahmins. He finally asked whether H. H. would receive a Brahmin Deputation & hear & answer their grievances. I told him that the Constitutional Comm. for the Brahmins & adopted was to submit a memorial to Govt. detailing all their grievances & asking for definite redress. I assured him that such a memorial would be carefully & sympathetically considered both by the Govt. & by H. H. I pointed out that a Deputation to H. H. would be tantamount to an expression of

went of confidence in Mr. Dewar & the
members of the Govt. He eventually
agreed to advise his friends to
drop all idea of a deputation to
H.H. to submit the memorial I
had suggested.

I told him straight that the
Canadian Press (Edmond & Co
under his control) were doing
them more harm than good
by the way in which they were
talking about Mr. Dewar &
that I was sure he could stop
it. He replied that the young
hot-bloods of the Press were
beyond his control. I replied that
everyone had been responsible for
these attacks on Mr. Dewar & that
he would be well advised to stop
them. In the morning the editorial
ended.

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He also criticized the Dewar's attitude during
the Representation Assembly & explained that

he himself had not moved any resolutions
because all of them had been struck
out of the list & disallowed. He alleged that
Mr. Dewar allowed Hon. Brabner to represent
- alone to speak for over an hour,
while in the case of Brabner he
rang the bell & stopped them from
speaking directly the regulation 15
minutes were "up".

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